

Maine Revised Statutes
Title 32: PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS
Chapter 26-A: REDUCTION OF TOXICS IN
PACKAGING HEADING: PL 1989, c. 849, §1 (new)

§1733. PROHIBITION; SCHEDULE FOR REMOVAL OF INCIDENTAL AMOUNTS

1. Prohibition of sale of packaging. A manufacturer, supplier or distributor may not offer for sale or for promotional purposes a package or packaging component that includes inks, dyes, pigments, adhesives, stabilizers or any other additives to which any lead, cadmium, mercury or hexavalent chromium has been intentionally introduced during manufacturing or distribution. This prohibition does not apply to the incidental presence of any of these elements.

[1989, c. 849, §1 (NEW) .]

2. Prohibition of sale of product in packaging. A manufacturer or distributor may not offer for sale or for promotional purposes any product in a package that includes, in the package itself or any packaging components, inks, dyes, pigments, adhesives, stabilizers or any other additives to which any lead, cadmium, mercury or hexavalent chromium has been intentionally introduced during manufacturing or distribution. This prohibition does not apply to the incidental presence of any of these elements.

[1989, c. 849, §1 (NEW) .]

3. Concentration levels. The sum of the concentration levels of lead, cadmium, mercury and hexavalent chromium present in any package or packaging component may not exceed:

A. Effective April 1, 1992, 600 parts per million by weight, or 0.06%; [1989, c. 849, §1 (NEW) .]

B. Effective April 1, 1993, 250 parts per million by weight, or 0.025%; and [1989, c. 849, §1 (NEW) .]

C. Effective April 1, 1994, 100 parts per million by weight, or 0.01%. [1989, c. 849, §1 (NEW) .]

[1989, c. 849, §1 (NEW) .]

4. Substitute materials. No material used to replace lead, cadmium, mercury or hexavalent chromium in a package or packaging component may be used in a quantity or manner that creates a hazard as great as or greater than the hazard created by the lead, cadmium, mercury or hexavalent chromium.

[1989, c. 849, §1 (NEW) .]

SECTION HISTORY

1989, c. 849, §1 (NEW) .

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